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E-Legislative Update

February 11 - 17, 2013



February 11th marks the beginning of the fifth week of the legislative session and committee hearings in the House and Senate are picking up in momentum. This is the time where you have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Early Learning & K-12 Education

02/11/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee

Senate Hearing Rm 1

J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5501](#) - Reducing certain requirements affecting school districts.

Higher Education

02/12/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Community and technical diversity strategies.

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1669](#) - Concerning self-supporting, fee-based programs at four-year institutions of higher education.
2. [HB 1686](#) - Concerning high school equivalency certificates.
3. [HB 1739](#) - Requiring guidelines for the percentage of resident, nonresident, and foreign students at institutions of higher education.

Early Learning & Human Services

02/12/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1651](#) - Concerning access to juvenile records.

Education

02/12/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1276](#) - Creating the dropout prevention through farm engagement pilot project.
2. [HB 1656](#) - Establishing statewide high school graduation requirements that permit increased flexibility for students to select courses based on their interests and plans.
3. [HB 1412](#) - Making community service a high school graduation requirement.
4. [HB 1424](#) - Enhancing the statewide K-12 dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement system.
5. [HB 1526](#) - Creating a pilot project to increase enrollment of underrepresented students in the running start program.

Higher Education

02/12/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5646](#) - Concerning high school equivalency certificates.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

02/13/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5587](#) - Concerning student assessments.

Education

02/14/13 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1423](#) - Providing for a single set of laws and procedures governing online learning.
2. [HB 1431](#) - Regarding alternative learning experience courses.

Higher Education

02/14/13 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1626](#) - Aligning the higher education financial aid process with in-state tuition requirements.
2. [HB 1725](#) - Creating the tuition support fund program.

Higher Education

02/14/13 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5544](#) - Requiring an online higher education transfer and student advising system.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

02/15/13 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5114](#) - Regarding access to K-12 campuses for occupational or educational information.

Early Learning & Human Services

02/15/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1547](#) - Concerning entities that provide recreational or educational programming for school-aged children.
2. [HB 1671](#) - Concerning child care reform.
3. [HB 1723](#) - Concerning early learning opportunities.

Education

02/15/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1492](#) - Concerning waivers from school year requirements for purposes of economy and efficiency.
2. [HB 1642](#) - Establishing policies to support academic acceleration for high school students.

Health Care and Human Services

Health Care

02/11/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5216](#) - Addressing long-term care insurance.
2. [SB 5449](#) - Addressing the Washington state health insurance pool.
3. [SB 5510](#) - Concerning the abuse of vulnerable adults.

Human Services & Corrections**02/11/13 10:00 am**

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5531](#) - Measuring performance of the child welfare system.

Law & Justice**02/11/13 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SB 5364](#) - Concerning court reporters, communication access real-time translation, and real-time captioning services.

Health Care & Wellness**02/12/13 1:30 pm**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1499](#) - Concerning the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly.
2. [HB 1631](#) - Concerning planning measures to provide long-term care services and supports needs of the aging population.

Environment**02/14/13 10:00 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1434](#) - Regarding the inclusion of community involvement in environmental decision making.

Health Care

02/14/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5530](#) - Requiring physicians and physician assistants to provide requested demographic information at the time of license renewal.
2. [SB 5537](#) - Improving the quality and value of health care with greater transparency of price and quality data.
3. [SB 5538](#) - Addressing transparency, accountability, and affordability in the provision of essential health care services.

Human Services & Corrections

02/14/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5571](#) - Increasing public awareness of mental illness and its consequences.
2. [SB 5585](#) - Requiring drug testing for recipients of benefits under the temporary assistance for needy families program.

Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs

02/14/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm E
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1563](#) - Concerning the disposition of surplus property for the development of affordable housing.

Judiciary

02/14/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1529](#) - Concerning the disclosure of certain information when screening tenants.
 2. [HB 1497](#) - Concerning the use of nonconviction records for employment and housing opportunities.
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Economic Development

Trade & Economic Development

02/12/13 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5249](#) - Creating a business and occupation tax credit for hiring certain persons in manufacturing.
2. [SB 5251](#) - Exempting certain manufacturing research and development activities from business and occupation taxation.
3. [SB 5656](#) - Revising business licensing systems

Judiciary

02/12/13 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1511](#) - Concerning court reporters, communication access real-time translation, and real-time captioning services.
2. [HB 1542](#) - Concerning the provision of and reimbursement for certain court interpreter services.

Labor & Workforce Development

02/12/13 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HCR 4403](#) - Concerning the workforce training and education coordinating board's high skills high wages plan.

Technology & Economic Development

02/12/13 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1693](#) - Providing tax relief for new businesses in high growth business sectors.

Trade & Economic Development

02/14/13 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SB 5334](#) - Concerning public facilities' grants and loans.
2. [SB 5533](#) - Fostering economic development through revitalization of abandoned and vacant properties.

Information is current as of: February 7, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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